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TO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD  
INFO AMCONSUL LAHORE

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SUBJECT: NEA PRESS BRIEFING PAPER: LEWIS SIMONS  
REF: LAHORE 641, ISLAMABAD 6205

THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR USE BY DEPARTMENT  
SPOKESMAN AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING, JUNE 16. SUBJECT DID  
NOT ARISE: QUOTE:

Q. THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTS TODAY THAT ITS CORRESPONDENT  
LEWIS SIMONS, IS "BEING HELD INCOMMUNICADO" AT THE AIR-  
PORT IN LAHORE, PAKISTAN. CAN YOU CONFIRM THIS STORY?  
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT IT?

A. --WE HAVE SEEN THE REPORT YOU MENTION. ACCORDING  
TO OUR CONSUL GENERAL AT LAHORE, ONE OF WHOSE SUB-  
ORDINATE OFFICERS TALKED TO MR. SIMONS AT THE AIRPORT,  
SIMONS WAS INFORMED THAT HE WAS "BANNED FROM PAKISTAN."

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ACCORDING TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL, SIMONS DECLINED TO RE-  
TURN TO NEW DELHI ON THE JUNE 15 PLANE, WAS DETAINED IN  
COMFORTABLE CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE AIRPORT LAST NIGHT,  
AND WOULD RETURN TO NEW DELHI ON THE JUNE 16 AFTERNOON  
FLIGHT.

--THE EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD CONTACTED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY  
AND BY MIDAFTERNOON ON JUNE 16, SIMONS WAS INFORMED

THAT HE HAD BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO ENTER AND REMAIN IN PAKISTAN. ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE FROM THE EMBASSY, HE IS EXPECTED TO GO TO ISLAMABAD FROM LAHORE.

Q. WHY WAS SIMONS DETAINED?

A. WE DON'T KNOW, BUT THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT MATTER WAS QUICKLY AND SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED. UNQUOTE

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